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AFTER COMPLETING FORM CALL I-800-594-4437 TO REPORT ACCIDENT.

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## CUSTOMER ACCIDENT WORKSHEET

06/26/97 KF1-97-FL-260852

Store # 7333

City: TAMPA

State: FL KF1

260852

Name of employee making report: DON GRIFFITH

Incident data Q6/25/97

Incident time 21:40

Customer's name POZECK, CHARLES

Customer's DOB: 11/-1/69

Customer's address 3202 COLWELL AVE #707

**TAMPA. FL 33614** 

Customer's phone813-931-4581

Customer's soc sec # 345-20-5383

Customer's employer

Customer's description of incident:

INJURY/DAMAGE DUE TO PRODUCT:PTD. CLMT SAT IN ONE OF INSURED'S CHAIRS AND THE CHAIR COLLAPSED AND HE FELL BACKWARDS.

"INJURY"CHEST & BACK HURT

CLMT JUST HAD HEART SURGERY BUT STATED THAT HE DIDN'T FEEL AN' TYPE OF INJURY

Incident codes: Incident Type

21 Incident Location

60 Mechanism 5

Employee who first received notice of incident:

Name MISTY SMTIH

Address

MARY POZECK - WIFE OF CLMT 813-931-4581

What inspection showed DON GRIFFITH: CHAIR COLLAPSED/WELD COULD HAVE BROKEN ON IT.

Weather conditions if applicable:

If involved:

-mats,cones in place (if applicable)?\_\_(Y/N) -foreign substance/spill: size/shape

source:

-fixure/cart/other object involved, describe

-merchandise: Kmart item #: 02134011

UPC#: 018866001024

Selling price: \$

Manufacturer: COMPEX INTERNATIONAL

Date of purchase:

Defect claimed(if apry):

Product name: IRON ROCKER

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## **CUSTOMER ACCIDENT WORKSHEET**

07/01/97 KF1-97-GA-261498

Store # 7434

City: DULUTH

State: GA KF1

261498

Name of employee making report: BRYAN HEIDISH

Incident date <u>06/28/97</u>

Incident time 20:00

Customer's name KING, CHARLIE

Customer's DOB: <u>11/11/58</u>

Customer's address 2129 SHADY LANE

**TUCKER, GA 30084** 

Customer's phone 770-938-0809

Customer's soc sec #

Customer's employer LEGGETT AND PLATT MASTER TRACK

Customer's description of incident:

FALL: CUSTOMER SAT IN A WROUGHT IRON ROCKING CHAIR AND THE BACK SEPERATED FROM THE CHAIR AND THE CUSTOMER FELL OUT OF THE CHAIR. (AMF)
\*\*INJURY\*\* SORENESS AND CONTUSION TO LOWER BACK AND PELVIC AREA.
NO PINK SLIP WAS ISSUED

Incident codes: Incident Type

1 Incident Location

60 Mechanism 5

Employee who first received notice of incident:

Name SAME

Address

KAREN KRUGER-ASSOCIATE KYLE JOHNSON-ASSOCIATE 770-923-9570

What Inspection showed BRYAN HEIDISH/ SCREWS CAME LOSE FROM BACK OF CHAIR.

Weather conditions if applicable:

-fixure/cart/other object involved, describe

If involved:

-mats.cones in place (if applicable)?\_\_(Y/N) -foreign substance/splil: size/shape

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-merchandise: Kmart item #:

UPC#:

Selling price: \$

Product name:

Manufacturer:

Date of purchase:

Defect claimed(if any):

Chances are very great that

Name of auto service manager Service invoice number Invoice date Nature of problem AFTER COMPLETING FORM CALL 1-800-504-437 TO REPORT ACCIDENT. 1-888 - 673 - 443/7 DISCARD COMPLETED WORKSHEET AND KEEP WITNESS STATEMENTS ON FILE AT STORE.

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Rx number

Rx as written Rx as filled

Prescribing physician Name of mechanic involved

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Date Rx received

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Date Rx filled

\*auto service operations:

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## CUSTOMER ACCIDENT WORKSHEET

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07/02/97 iKF1-97-GA-261761

Store # 7434

City: DULUTH

KF1 State: GA

261761

Name of employee making report: VINCE SKELLEY

Incident date 07/01/97

Incident time 20:35

Customer's name HAWKINS, MICHAEL

Customer's DOB: <u>11/11/30</u>

Customer's address 545 FLINTLOCK DRIVE

**DACULA. GA 30211** 

Customer's phone 770-237-9245

Customer's employer RICHLAND EQUIPMENT

Customer's description of incident:

FALL: CUSTOMER SAT IN A WROUGHT IRON CHAIR AND THE BACK BROKE AND HE FELL AND IN THE PROCESS OF FALLING HE HIT HIS HEAD ON ANOTHER CHAIR. (AMF)

"INJURY" LUMP ON HEAD NO PINK SLIP WAS ISSUED

incident codes: Incident Type

1 Incident Location

Customer's soc sec # 252-21-1011

1 Mechanism 5

Employee who first received notice of incident:

Name KYLE JOHNSON

Address

**DENA HAWKINS-WIFE** 770-237-9245

What inspection showed VINCE SKELLEY/ SCREWS WERE MISSING IN THE CHAIR

Weather conditions if applicable:

If involved:

-mats,cones in place (if applicable)?\_\_(Y/N) -foreign substance/spill: size/shape

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-fixure/cart/other object involved, describe

-merchandise: Kmart Item #:

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Product name:

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Defect claimed(if any):

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## CUSTOMER ACCIDENT WORKSHEET

Store # 7434 City Nuluth State 6A 20 Name of employee making report Viuce 4 + 5 Keller Incident date 7/1/97 Incident time 2:35,-Customer's name Michael Hawkine Customer's age 30 Customer's address 5 95 Flint Lock Dr. City1) acula State Cod Customer's phone (770) 23 7 - 9245 Customer's soc sec # 252 - 21 - 1011 Zip 3021) Customer's Employer Rich land F. Claim # KF1-261-761 Customer's description of incident Sat down in wrought iron chair and chair followert. Hit head on another chair. Incident codes (see list of codes on reverse) Incident Type 2. Incident Location 2. Mechanism 2.3 Description of injury, if any Lumb Dn Head. Head ache Employee who first received notice of incident: Address K-M ART Name Kale Johnson Employees who witnessed incident: Name **Address** Name Address Employees who did not witness but arrived after: Name Kale John som Address K-MART Name Vincent Skeller Address K-MART Nonemployees who either witnessed or arrived after: Address Same as Name Dena Hawkins Address Name Employee who inspected scene after incident: Name Vincent Skeller Address Store What inspection showed Wrone kt Iron Chair was Missing Screws Time of inspection after incident \_8:45 Time of last inspection prior to incident \_\_:\_\_ Name of employee last inspecting Weather conditions if applicable •mats, cones in place (if applicable)? \_\_ \_\_ (Y/N) •foreign substance/spill: size/shape

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eflection chair bables /oilection UPC#

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Selling price \$ Product name

Manufacturer

Date of purchase

Defect claim (if any)

econtractor working on premises: Contractor name

Name of contractor's employee involved

•pharmacy operations:

Name of pharmacist

Rx number Date Rx received

Rx as written Rx as filled

Prescribing physician

•auto service operations:

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Name of mechanic involved Name of auto service manager

Service invoice number

Nature of problem

Invoice date

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GABLES COLLECTION CHAIRS, KMART CODE 21-34-59, UPC 0-18866-00102-4 (FOR ENTIRE 5-PIECE PATIO SET)

- URGENT - URGENT - URGENT - URGENI URGENT - URGENT INFORMA 1 10N STORES MUST IMMEDIATELY INSPECT ALL DISPLAY CHAIRS IN THE GABLES CULLECTION, UPC # 0-18866-00102-4, KMART COLD

STORES MUST DETERMINE WHETHER THESE CHAIRS ARE PROPERLY ASSEMBLED ON THE SALESFLOOR TO AVOID CUSTOMER ACCIDENIS. If the chairs are improperly assembled, the Seat of the chairs will separate from the base and the chair may

21-34-59

ACTION REQUIRED

THESE ARE THE STEPS YOU MUST TAKE:

COLLAPSE

WORK GLOVES EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

SAFETY GOGGLES

5/32" HEX OR ALLEN WRENCH WHITE OUT OR BRIGHT COLOR MARKER

STEP 1 - INSPECT THE AREAS UNDERNEATH THE SEAT WHERE THE SEAT AND BASE OF THE CHAIR IS CONNECTED.

A) WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES AND WORK GLOVES

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THERE SHOULD BE 4 BOLTS UNDERNEATH THE CHAIR (TWO ON EACH SIDE). IF NOT, DISASSEMBLE THE CHAIR AND REMOVE FROM 6

C) IF ANY OF THE FOUR BOLTS ARE LOOSE OR IF THE SHAFTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BASE ARE NOT TOTALLY PUSHED TOWARDS THE REAR OF THE TUBES UNDERNEATH THE SEAT, DISASSEMBLE AND INSPECT ALL THE BOLTS AND THE SHAFT.

CHECK TO SEE IF THERE 1S A BLUE MARKING ON THE THREAD OF THE BOLTS. CHECK THE BOLTS AND SHAFTS FOR ANY DEFORMATION.

IF ANY OF THE PARTS ARE DEFORMED OR IF THERE ARE NO BLUE MARKINGS ON THE BOLTS, REMOVE THE CHAIR FROM THE DISPLAY Area. If there are no deformations and the markings are present, then follow step 2.

STEP 2 - REASSEMBLY OF THE SEAT TO THE BASE OF THE CHAIR.

IT TO MARK OR HIGHLIGHT THE SURFACE OF THE GAP OR RECESSED AREA. THIS WILL BE THE

PUSH THE SHAFT TOWARDS THE END OF THE TUBES UNDERNEATH THE SEAT UNTIL INDICATOR IS WHOWN THE BASE. PUSH THE STATE STAT

C) USE THE ALLEN WRENCH TO TIGHTEN THE TWO REAR BOLTS IN PLACE.

D) TIGHTEN THE TWO FRONT BOLTS IN PLACE.

IF VOU DETERMINE THAT VOU ARE MISSING ANY CHAIR PARTS, ESPECIALLY INCLUDING THE SCREWS, VOU MUST REMOVE THE CHAIR FROM THE SALESFLOOR, MARKIT WITH A SIGN "DO NOT SELL" AND HOLD IT IN A SECURE AREA IN THE STORE UNTIL PARTS ARRIVE AND ASSEMBLY IS COMPLETE. QUESTIONS

PLEASE CALL (800) 288-0918 FOR REPLACEMENT PARTS. SEND A KIN MESSAGE TO OVERHEAD 8237 WITH ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.



# WARNING

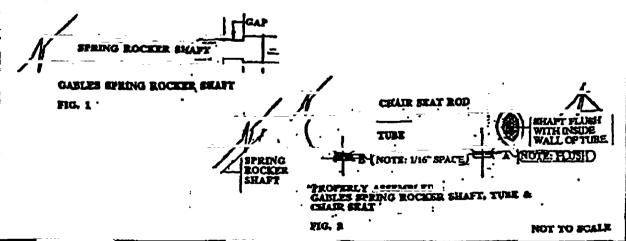
## IMPROPER CHAIR ASSEMBLY COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY. READ ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS & THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

Before assembling, note gap (narrower) section in rocker spring shaft, 3/8 inch from end. (Fig.1)

- 1. Insert rocker spring shaft into 'tube' on bottom edge of chair seat. Bolt hole near partially closed end of 'tube' must be lined up with gap in rocker spring shaft.
- 2. Insert all four bolts and fully tighten, CHECK CAREFULLY FOR PROPER ASSEMBLY, SEE 3 & 4 BELOW.
- 3. If assembled properly (Fig. 2)
- A. Bolt (A) nearest partially closed end of tube will be flush with raised weld at bolt hole, AND
- B. Bolt (B) near shaft entry opening of 'tube' will not be flush, it will have an approximately 1/16 inch space, AND
- C. End of rocker spring shaft will be flush with inside wall of partially closed end of 'tube'.

## 4. If assembled improperly

A space will exist between tightened bolt head (A) and raised weld near closed end of 'tube', AND shaft end will not be flush with inside wall at closed end of 'tube'. Loosen both bolts and use rubber mallet to drive rocker spring shaft further into tube. Fully tighten bolts again, and check that bolt nearest partially closed end of 'tube' is flush, continue process until all bolts are inserted and tightened properly. In event a flush condition on Bolt A cannot be achieved, call 1-800-288-0918





PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: SPRING ROCKER CHAIR

QUALITY CONTROL #:

MANUFACTURER:

GABLES 213401-110

KM CODE: UPC CODE:

TEST DATE:

22 MAY 97

Six spring rocker chair samples were brought in for evaluation due to a complaint/incident issue. It is alleged that the chairs have been disassembling/falling apart when sat upon by the customers.

The Quality assurance department is still in the process of obtaining the complaint samples/chairs.

Four chairs have been sent to MTL USA for performance testing and two chairs were visually inspected in the Kmart lab.

The chairs must be assembled before use. This process must be done with great precision. The chairs are packaged in a carton unassembled. The chairs come in two parts, a base(spring/leg part) and a seat. The seat has two hollow tubes located at the bottom of left and right side of the seat. The tubes have two threaded holes (w/ nuts welded) running along the length of the tube which are located towards the front and rear ends. The base or leg part has a spring with a protruding shaft. The shaft has a recessed area or gap which is about 1/2" from its end. In order to assemble the chair, the shafts must be inserted into the hollow tubes, the recessed/gap area must be aligned against the threaded holes at the rear and two bolt must be precisely tightened in place. Two additional bolts towards the front are then tightened. Aligning the holes to the gap was difficult because the gap on the shaft could not be easily seened though the threaded holes on the tube. The recessed/gap area on the shaft has no color contrast to assist the assembler in the aligning process. Proper alignment may be uncertain and thus proper assembly is questionable.

It is perceived that the chair is not being assembled properly due to the reasons stated above. Further investigation is in progress on the performance of the chair.

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WAYNE C. CHRISTENSEN, CSP CERTIFIED SAFETY PROFESSIONAL

ACCIDENT PREVENTION CONSULTANT

June 6, 1997

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Mr. Jim Olivere Vice President Delmar Designs 1105 E. Discovery Lane Anaheim, CA 92801

Subject: Resume

Dear Jim.

Attached in accordance with your request is a copy of my accomplishments, education, and experience.

Two areas need elaboration:

- \* Owens Corning experience included a one year as co-chair of a study of product safety and liability and recommendation of a program. Upon adoption of the program, participation as a member of the corporate Product Safety Committee.
- \* Served on numerous ASTM Standards Committees, including Committee F15 Consumer Products service from the mid 1970's to present, holding committee office for about the first 10 years.

Yours in Safety.

C. Christensen

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Enhance safety and well-being of workers through accident prevention programs, safety through design, emergency planning, incident investigation, training, and regulatory compliance.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ACCIDENT PREVENTION
Established plant and corporate programs to reduce workplace incidents.

PIRE & EMERGENCY PLANNING
Managed fire protection programs and developed
comprehensive easily implemented emergency plans.

#### MANAGEMENT

Corporate Safety Director - Fortune 200 company. Executive Director - ASSE.

EDUCATION & TRAINING Developed and facilitated safety courses and conferences for industry, ASSE, and NSC.

FIRE FIGHTING Chief - full time paid Fire Department.

STANDARDS Served on numerous ASTM, ANSI & UL Committees.

#### **EDUCATION**

Illinois Institute of Technology BS Major: Fire Protection & Safety Engineering

#### PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

C.S.P. - Certified Selety Professional #1241 P.E. - Safety Engineering - CA #1634

#### EXPERIENCE

1991 to Present Consultant (self-employed)
CONSULTANT ACCIDENT PREVENTION

- \* CONSULTANT Injury prevention programs and OSHA reviews.
- \* PROJECT MANAGER Institute for Safety Through Design (National Safety Council NSC)
- \* INSTRUCTOR NSC Safety Training Institute Facilitate basic and advanced safety courses.

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Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo, OH 1989 to

Senior Consultant - Safety 1990 chief Consultant on safe work environments.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo, OH 1978 to Director - Corporate Safety Established accident prevention programs for 1989 diversified corporation.

American Society of Safety Engrs., Park Ridge, IL 1971 to 1978 Executive Director Chief Officer individual member association.

1967 to American Society of Safety Engrs., Park Ridge, IL Manager - Technical Services 1971 Developed conferences, courses and publications.

1965 to General Electric Company, NASA, Bay St. Louis, MS 1967 Chief - Fire Protection Chief paid fire department. Responsible for site fire protection and emergency planning.

1957 to General Electric Company, ARC St. Petersburg, FL Specialist - Accident & Pire Prev. 1965 Plant safety, fire and emergency planning.

Lansing B. Warner, Inc., Chicago. IL Assistant Manager Engineering Dept. 1954 to 1956 Highly protected risks and trained inspectors.

#### PROPESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Society of Safety Engineers FELLOW & PM

Society of Fire Protection Engineers Member

American Society For Engineering Education

American Society for Training & Development

Western Society of Engineers

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June 6, 1997

Mr. Jim Olivere Vice President Delmar Designs 1105 E. Discovery Lane Anaheim, CA 92801

Subject: Gables Wrought Iron Spring Rocker Code #213401-110

Dear Jim.

Information on the Gables rocker was received on May 27. We discussed the need for a label on the box on May 27, and you authorized me to proceed on May 28. The label was completed and submitted to you on June 2.

On May 28, the K Mart store in Crystal Lake, IL, was visited to view the Rocker. Store officials were contacted to permit study of assembled units carefully and to view boxed units in the storage area. They were very cooperative.

Assembly instructions provided with the rockers and the draft you provided of potential additional items for a box label were studied. After reviewing four store chairs carefully, disassembly and assembly in different manners, it was determined that there were ways to identify if rockers were correctly or incorrectly assembled. The two ways indicating correct assembly were if the head of bolt A was flush with the welded nut, and if the spring rocker chaft was flush with the inside wall of the tube. If there was space in either case assembly was improper.

In preparing the label, it was determined the word 'WARNING' should be used because of the more serious nature of injuries that could occur. A Pictogram was considered, but it appeared that use might create misconceptions and was not included. The label was prepared using terminology consistent with instructions inside the box. Label wording is in 14 point type to assure greater readability.

Descriptions were prepared to indicate recognition of a Rocker that was correctly assembled AND also, if assembly was improper. Sketches to reflect terminology and reemphasize recognition points for correct and improper assembly are included on the label.

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#### Chronological account of complaints and events leading to report:

There have been 64 incidents reported to date (July 8, 1997).

February 19, 1997 - Customer Chris Yaden, was trying out a Gables chair at Kmart store # 3941, Russell Springs, KY when the chair gave way, causing him to fall. He alleges injury to his back and shoulder pain.

February 23, 1997 - At Kmart #3014, Phoenix, AZ, Customer Gloria Mavis sat on a chair. The chair was not secure causing the chair to come loose. Customer fell injuring her lower back.

February 24, 1997 - Customer Frankie Perry fell at Kmart store # 4311, Brandon, FL when the chair he was trying fell apart. Customer pinched his outer thigh. Customer experienced pain in his back and pinched his thigh.

February 26, 1997 - At Kmart #4873, Camden, SC, Customer Renay Jenkins sat in a display patio chair which came loose and she fell backwards. Customer injured her leg when the chair tipped over.

March 9. 1997 - While sitting in a chair at Kmart #7407, Monroe, NC, the chair separated from the back and Customer Betty Merritt fell to the floor bruising her hip and injuring her left side.

March 15, 1997 - Customer Linda Evans was sitting in a patio chair at Kmart #9590, Jacksonville, AR, which collapsed causing her to fall. Customer poked her left side and pain to her back.

March 18, 1997 - Customer Judith Little sat down on a patio chair at Kmart #7710, Branson, MO and the chair stabbed her in the back (side). Customer indicated that she was okay.

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March 25, 1997 - Customer Audrey Sciortin sat in the Gables chair at Kmart store #4227, Niles, IL and the chair fell apart, causing her to slide from the chair. She refused medical treatment, however, states that she received injury to her back and left side.

March 28, 1997 - Customer Diana Hughes sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7261, Des Moines, IA, and the back of the chair fell apart causing her to fall on the floor. Customer indicated her left hip was hurting.

March 28, 1997 - Customer Ron Inman sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3294, Greensboro, NC, and the chair broke when he leaned back. Customer possibly injured his back.

March 28, 1997 - Customer Connie Saggan sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7261, Des Moines, IA, and a couple of the bolts fell out causing the chair to break underneath her. Customer indicated her back was hurting.

April 7. 1997 - Customer Barbra Everly sat in a display chair at Kmart #4196, Indianapolis, IN, and the chair collapsed. Customer injured her ribs, back, and her arm was pinched between the seat and chair arm.

April 7, 1997 - While sitting in a chair at Kmart #7717, Waynesboro, VA, the chair collapsed and Customer Debra Camden fell to the floor hitting her head on the end of a patio canopy swing. Customer received a knot on the back of her head.

April 9. 1997 - Customer Rosemary Bethea, at Kmart store #3431, Colma, CA was trying out a Gables patio chair when she leaned back, the chair collapsed. Customer hit her leg on the bottom of the chair and may have possibly bruised her leg.

April 11, 1997 - At Kmart #3053, Pleasant Hill, CA, Customer Cathy McGuigan sat on a patio chair and the chair became detached from the right hinge causing the customer to fall. The Customer was poked in the right rib and was bruised.

April 13, 1997 - At Kmart #7569, Anchorage, AK, Customer Karen Melven sat in a patio chair which came apart causing her to fall backwards. Customer caught herself with one arm on the floor.

Customer did not experience any visible injuries.

April 13, 1997- Customer John Wiatr, at Kmart store #9528, Kingman, AZ sat on a patio chair which gave way causing the customer to fall. He experienced a scratch on his right hand and injury to his left hip.

April 16, 1997 - Customer Pauline Smith sat in a patio chair at Kmart #4093, Madison, TN, and the chair collapsed. The arm of the chair hit her left side below her waist and her left shoulder hit the chair. Customer received no visible injuries.

April 18, 1997 - At Kmart store # 3590, Englewood, FL, Customer Doris Zuckerman fell when the chair collapsed, causing a laceration of her right little finger.

April 20, 1997 - While Customer Pamela McDonald was sitting on a patio chair at Kmart #4471, Fort Collins, CO, the chair tipped over causing her to hit her head on a wooden glider and the floor. Customer experienced a bump on her head.

April 24, 1997 - At Kmart #3976, Virginia Beach, VA, Gail Elliot sat in a display chair which fell aprt. Customer fell to floor and injured back.

April 25, 1997 - At Kmart #3905, Bainbridge, GA, Customer Floy Devries sat in a patio chair and it collapsed. Customer experienced injury to her hip.

April 28, 1997 - Customer Vera Evaldsons sat on a display chair at Kmart #4227, Niles, IL and fell, causing injury to her back and head.

April 28, 1997 - At Kmart #7607, Hopkinsville, KY, Customer Wanda Redd sat in a patio chair which fell,. Customer stated that her left pinkie finger was pinched. Called store later claiming that she had suffered back and wrist injuries.

May 2, 1997 - Customer Jackie Tucker sat in and chair at Kmart #4141, W. Columbia, SC, and the chair collapsed. Customer hurt right arm, back and back of her head.

May 2, 1997 - Customer Rush Bonburand sat in a display chair in the garden center at Kmart #4950, Winston-Salem, NC when the arm broke scratching the customer on his stomach.

May 3, 1997 - Customer Bonnie Miner sat in a patio chair at Kmart #9163, Pontiac, IL, and the chair came apart causing the customer to fall to the floor. She hurt her left hip.

May 4, 1997 - At Kmart #3022, Bristol, TN, Customer Carolyn Perrigan was sitting in a rocker and it collapsed. Left side and left palm were red.

May 5. 1997 - Customer Betty Guenther sat on a patio chair at Kmart #4921, Valdosta, GA, the chair came apart causing the customer to fall to the floor. Customer experienced injury to the right side of her body - scraped side, bruised elbow and hip.

May 5, 1997 - While at Kmart #4077, Lexington, KY Customer Mary Anne Sturm sat in a patio chair which collapsed. Customer scraped her elbow and hooked her right side.

May 6, 1997 - Customer Kathy Gaddis sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3700, Meridian, MS and the chair broke. Details regarding any injuries are unknown.

May 7, 1997 - Customer David Spear sat in a display patio chair at Kmart #4911, Tucson, AZ, and the chair collapsed. Customer experienced scrape on the left elbow.

May 9, 1997 - Customer Bette Sue Shapiro sat in a display chair at Kmart #4911, Tucson, AZ and the chair collapsed. She experienced stiffness to her side.

May 10, 1997 - Customer Barbara Kluge sat on a display chair at Kmart #3270, Bremerton, WA and the chair collapsed beneath her. She did not experience any visible injuries.

May 10, 1997 - Customer James Peek sat in a display chair at Kmart #7473, Lake Zurich, IL, and the he fell backwards due to the fact the seat was not securely attached. Customer hurt his back and scraped his arm.

May 10. 1997 - At Kmart #3336, Richmond, VA, Customer Charlotte Jacknin was sitting in a patio chair which collapsed. Customer caught her right thumb and crushed it.

May 11, 1997 - Customer John Hammel sat in a patio chair at Kmart #4921, Valdosta, GA and the chair broke in half. Customer indicated that his back hurt.

May 11. 1997 - Customer Bill Traister sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7710, Branson, MO and the chair broke causing the customer to hit his head.

May 12. 1997 - At Kmart #3657, Mount Dora, FL, Customer Wayne Thul sat in a Gables chair and it collapsed. Customer experienced injuries to his right elbow, right hip, right wrist, right shoulder, and scrapped the right side of his stomach.

May 14, 1997 - Customer Harold Taylor sat in a patio chair at Kmart #4480, Renton, WA. The chair fell apart causing the customer to fall on the floor. No pain or injuries at the time of the accident.

May 17. 1997 - At Kmart #9693, Marine City, MI, Customer Benjamin Hosford sat down in a chair and it collapsed causing him to fall to the floor. Customer injured hip (previous disk ailment - disabled).

May 18. 1997 - At Kmart #7183, Athens, GA, Customer Michael Payne sat in a patio chair and it collapsed. Customer stated that he had back and head pain.

May 22. 1997 - Customer James Loughner sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7274, Maudlin, SC, the back of the chair separated from the seat causing the Customer to fall. Customer received a scrape to the left side of his stomach.

May 18, 1997 - At Kmart #3625, Aiken, SC, Customer Susan Cole sat in a patio chair and it collapsed. Customer received a bump on the back of her head and scratched her left elbow.

May 22, 1997 - Customer Betty Snyder sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3177, West Lafayette, IN, and the arm of the chair broke causing the Customer to fall backwards. Customer received a bump on the back of her head.

May 23, 1997 - Customer Carol LeFleur sat in a display patio chair at Kmart #3126, Utica, MI, and the chair collapsed. Customer indicated her back was sore.

May 23, 1997 - Customer Jeff Bernstrom sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3045, New Hope, MN, and the chair collapsed. Customer indicated his back hurt from an earlier incident.

May 23. 1997 - Customer Steve Whitwill sat in a display patio chair at Kmart #4721, Coalinga, CA and the chair collapsed. Customer experienced bruise on left wrist, bump on head, and scrape on the right elbow.

May 24, 1997 - Customer Justina Harrigan sat in a display patio chair at Kmart #7285 and fell backwards off the chair. Customer claimed that both of her legs were cramping.

May 24, 1997- Customer Barbara Achord sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3967, Dublin, GA, and the chair fell apart causing the customer to fall to the floor. Customer experienced injury to her lower back.

May 24, 1997 - While at Kmart #9569, Conyers, GA, Customer Mary DeLuca was sitting in a patio chair which collapsed. Customer indicated her right arm, left thigh, and left ankle were sore.

May 26, 1997 - Customer Teri Hilley sat in a patio chair at Kmart #9569, Conyers, GA, and the chair collapsed. Customer experienced bruise under ribs.

May 27, 1997 - Customer John Saunders sat in a display patio chair at Kmart #4270, St. Louis, MO and the chair collapsed. Customer experienced pain and redness to left side of back.

May 30, 1997 - Customer Eddie Burr sat on a patio chair at Kmart #9523, Rockingham, NC and it flipped over. Injury indicated as Customer's arm was red.

June 9, 1997 - Customer Etta Moseley sat in a patio chair at Kmart #4716, Rocky Mount, NC, and the chair collapsed. Customer bruised left arm and elbow and experienced pain to her back and jip.

June 10, 1997 - Customer Fred Bush sat on a patio chair at Kmart #4865, North Augusta, SC and the chair fell apart causing the Customer to fall backwards hitting his back and left leg on the floor. The Customer also hit his arm on a nearby chair.

June 13. 1997 - Customer John Bastien sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3262, RosevilLe, MI and the chair collapsed. Customer scratched and bruised the left side of his waist.

June 13, 1997 - Customer Barbra Kelly purchased a Gables 5 piece patio set at Kmart #7646, Marysville, OH, while sitting on a chair at home, it came apart. Customer hit her head.

June 21. 1997 - Customer Annie Copeland sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7388, Columbus, GA, and the chair collapsed. Customer injured left arm and left side.

June 22. 1997 - Customer Arlon Miller sat in a patio chair at Kmart #3808, Statesville, NC, the chair was not secure and he fell back hitting his head on a grill. Customer received three stitches to the back of his head.

None

June 22. 1997 - Customer Josephine Jordan sat in a patio chair on display at Kmart #3290, Columbus, OH and the chair fell out from under her. Customer experienced pain to her right arm right side, right leg, hip and back.

June 25. 1997 - Customer Charles Pozeck sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7333, Tampa, FL, and the chair collapsed causing the customer to fall backwards. Customer injured his chest and back.

June 28. 1997 - Customer Charlie King sat in a chair at Kmart #7434, Duluth, GA, and the back of the chair separated from the chair causing the customer to fall. Customer experienced soreness and contusion to lower back and pelvic area.

July 1, 1997 - Customer Michael Hawkins sat in a patio chair at Kmart #7434, Duluth, GA, and the chair collapsed causing the customer to fall hitting his head on another chair. The customer received a bump to his head.

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

Region: CENTRAL

1. NAME OF RESPONDENT

Pat Hernandez

2. PHONE NO. (HOME) 913-648-0060

(WORK) 913-681-3555

3. STREET ADDRESS 8113 Antioch

MFR/PRVLBR HOTIFIED SID 21

No Commente made Comments attached 4. CITY Excisions/Revisions Overland Park

STATE ZIP CODE KS 66204

4a. E-MAIL ADDRESS ghr@swbell.net

tum has high terminated further notice

5. DESCRIBE INCIDENT OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES Respondent believes chair is under CAP, NR#98-022. Incident occurred at dealer and respondent didn't purchase the chair. -cont-

7.IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS OBTAIN AGE/SEX 8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM 6. DATE 50 Y/F RESPONDENT, PROVIDE NAME OF

INCIDENTS AND DESCRIBE INJURY:

fingertip of left middle finger was

RELATIONSHIP

amputated

self

9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT

folding aluminum & vinyl outdoor lawn chair

10. BRAND NAME

Kmart Sling Garden Chair

MFR/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDR. & PHONE 12. MODEL, SERIAL NUMBERS

unknown, made in China

unknown

M# & color: unknown 13. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE

unknown unknown unknown

4/13/97

Kmart 8703 W. 63rd St.

AUG 3 1998

Shawnee Mission, KS 00000

913-236-6205

14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR 15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW x USED MODIFIED? YES x NO IF YES, BEFORE DATE PURCHASED N/A AGE N/A

OR AFTER THE INCIDENT? after DESCRIBE: damaged: see narrative

16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS?

IF SO, NOTE: unknown

19. MAY WE 17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE 18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL NO x AVAILABLE? YES USE YOUR NAME MANUFACTURER? YES  $\mathbf{NO} \mathbf{x}$ IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION WITH THIS NO x OTHER? unknown if dealer still has chair REPORT? THEM? YES YES x NO

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

21. RECEIVED BY (NAME & OFFICE) ldm/HL

22. DOCUMENT NO.

H9870300A

FOLLOW-UP ACTION

24. PRODUCT CODE(S) 4016

DISTRIBUTION

20. DATE RECEIVED

07/30/98

ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE 26. LDM 7/31/1998

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#### Narrative Continued

195 lb., 5'6" tall, respondent was trying out chair while at dealer when it abruptly folded up with consumer in it. The fingertip of consumer's left middle finger got caught between chair's left arm and left leg as the chair folded up and her fingertip was amputated. Consumer was rushed to the Columbia Medical Center-ER (now called Overland Park Regional Center Hospital) where her fingertip was surgically reattached, but it didn't take. Consumer's fingernail grew back, but her fingertip is deformed and consumer has no feeling in the remaining portion of her fingertip.

A couple of days later, husband went back to dealer, discussed incident with employee(s) at dealer (name(s) unknown), who refused to let him see the incident chair and all identical chairs were no longer being sold at dealer. Husband filed an incident report with dealer. Respondent has a lawyer and is requesting that dealer pay a \$70,000 settlement for her medical bills and pain and suffering. Respondent's lawyer is waiting for a response from dealer's legal department.

CPSC Source: MAG

If you have any changes, additions, or comments you wish to make concerning your attached report, please make them in the space below.

I confirm that the information in the attached report (including any changes, additions, or comments I have made) is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.



I request that you do not release my name.

+--+ You may release my name to the manufacturer but | I request that you not release it to the general public.

You may release my name to the manufacturer and to I-45 the public.